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Babylonian ruins seals still are found, and it is certain that their use passed from those countries to Greece and Rome, to all European countries and from England to America. Originally they were set in rings. The earliest references to them in Biblical history is found in Genesis xxxviii, where it is recorded that, pending certain negotlations between Judah and Tamar, the widow of his son, Tamar demanded a pledge and Judah gave her his signet and other belongings. And when Ahab, king of Israel, tried to buy Naboth's vineyard and couldn't his wife Jezebel "wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal." In the Book of Esther, chapter vill, it is written that King Ahasnerus said to Esther and Mordecal, "Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name and seal it with the king's ring, for the writing which is written to the king's name and scaled with his sing may no man reverse." Seals doubtless were used long be-

The origin of seals is lost in the

ides of antiquity. In Assyrian and

fore the stirring events described in the quoted chapter of Genesis, but no one took the trouble to write about them. From the time of Jeremiah to William the Conqueror the pen was practically unknown to king, noble or reasant, so the seal was absolutely secossary .- Kansas City Star.

They Were Shady.

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What's the price?" "Oh," was the reply, "this is only the second volume. The story goes through three. The set is half a crown." "Hauve a crown! Well, I'll gie ye

that for that one book. It's a pretty one enough." "But won't you have the other two

as well? You'd better." "Naw. I don't like th' beginnin' of a story. I can't get forrud wi' it. An' I don't like th' endin'. I don't know as 'ow it's comed about. But in th' middle un I'm into th' thick of it right off. No. I'll tak' th' middle un. It'll set me up for a month." And, eramming the book into his pocket, he put down his half crown and disappeared with a "Good night" before the other

The Diamond Remains a Mystery.

volumes could be given to him.-Cham-

bers' Journal.

As a substance the diamond is one of the mysteries of nature, one of the despairs of science. Nobody knows whence it came or how, whether it is a spark from a comet's tail or a crys tallized drop squeezed in some horrible intensity of fiery convulsion from the white hot insurgent heart of the earth. Nobody knows much about it at all., except that it doesn't belong to this world. Some known black diamonds literally were from the skies. They came imbedded in meteorites cast upon Arizona and Chile by an unidentified star. One does not prospect for chips of stars. As well search for the end of the rainbow. Neither is it practical to hammer all sorts of eruptive rock and conglomerate where ever come upon. Earthquake or vol canic upheaval districts are not necessarily the most promising, for often diamonds that seem to have buf volcanic origin occur thousands of miles from the probable place of extrusion. carried thence, it is assumed, by glacial drift in some far back geological time.-Franklin Ciarkin in Every body's Magazine.

Struck a Bargain.

An old woman recently entered an optician's shop and asked to look at some spectacles. Choosing s pair, she asked the price.

"Five shillings," was the answer "And bow much are they without

"I could not sell them for less than 4s. 10d." said the tradesman, who was determined to get all be could.

"Do you only take off twopence for the case?" queried the woman.

"That is all. The case is worth no more than twopence," was the reply. "That is good news!" elaculated the old lady, with a sigh of relief. "It's

the case for mine which I have lost. So saying, she laid down the twopence and marched off with the coveter had time to luterfere.-London Mail,

Taking After Father, "It has its father's nose!" "And its mother's eyes!" "And Augt Alice's mouth!" "And Uncle Ebenezer's ears!"

Such, multiplied by about a hundred, were the criticisms leveled by kind friends against the Fitzhoodle baby

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"Ab!" couragared Mr. Fitzhoodie "Baby is certainly endowed with some of my wife's chief characteristics."

are so stubborn that they will not ac- dle" snapped his wife. Baby never "Not to teention you, Fritz Pitzboo cept a fair, square and broad minded opens his court without putting his foot in it?

Maternal Instinct.

We talk about "maternal instinct." There is to such thing. To be sure there are things that have to do with young which females possess and males lack. The wasp lays its egg on the body of the caterpillar for the larva it will never see. The hen sits twenty one days on any roundish, whitish ob ject of the proter size. I have seen at a children's party every little girl leave the supper table on the advent of a baby and every little boy go stolidly on with his supper. But each kind of mother has its own bundle of instinc tive reactions. There is no "maternal instinct" In the abstract.-McClure's

Worrying About His Gas Bill. "Madam, your husband has gas-

"Well, I do my best, doctor, to keep him away from the meter, but he will spend a lot of time in that damp cellar studying it."-New York Press.

So There. "Of coures you will get a flat when you are married and keep house?" "George isn't such a flat as some people who are envious think he is, and it's none of your business if we keep house or board!"-Exchange.

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